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Opening Go West



Left to right: Jeff Hanna, operations director, Brad Morrison, VP operations of CEG, Victor Choy, owner of CEG, Jim Choy, owner of CEG, and Darcy Cheliffoux, VP of marketing, toast the opening of the city's newest hot spot — West restaurant in Scotia Centre.

MRU logo runs \$69K

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MARKETING With a new university comes a new logo. And it came at a cost of \$69,500, according to Mount Royal University's marketing department.

Seven rounds of drafting, 91 iterations and extensive community consultations later, the school has an emblem that represents a number of core values, according to Lucille Gnanasamany, director of marketing.

The university's website describes the logo's top as being books that resemble higher learning and the opening of doors; they are also M's standing for Mount Royal University. The M's come together to appear like the maple leaf, representing the Canadian aspect.

While it may appear simple to the layman, Gnanasamany said it's a matter of opinion.

"Some may find it simplistic, some may find it genius," she said.

The school's students' union accepted the logo's cost and that it was approved at many levels.

"I would imagine this figure went through a lot of different bodies at Mount Royal, and the figure would have been talked about a lot because Mount Royal is a very transparent campus," said Robert Jones, vice-president external for the Students' Association.



911 will improve with proposals: Police chief

82% rate service positively, but it can be better, review says

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Calls

• According to the report, there are 5,000 hang-up calls to 911 every month and 450,000 calls are answered every year.

Calgary's top cop believes the city's 911 system is on the right track after an independent review was released Thursday.

Police Chief Rick Hanson called for the review last year before two highly publicized incidents caused concern for the city's emergency dispatch services, and he said the recommendations will lead to a better service.

"We have had growing

pains, we've identified what those growing pains are, and now it's time to treat the symptoms and fix the problem," Hanson told reporters.

While the eight-month review revealed 82 per cent of citizens rated the service as good or excellent, it also

pointed out several areas for improvement, but Hanson pointed out key recommendations were already put into place and more are on the way.

Areas for improvement highlighted included finding ways to reduce repetition of information, ways to adjust to peak call times and ways to reduce wait times for 911 calls, according to Public Safety communications manager Steve Dongworth.

"We know we can do better and we're going to do it. This is where we have to

step up to the plate," Dongworth said.

"We are taking the right steps operationally. However, we need to translate those steps into service improvements that matter to our emergency responders."

Hanson said the real test will be the next time a "low-frequency, high-risk" call comes in.

"The only test is the next time it happens," Hanson said.

The city took over the services in 2006, amalgamating fire, police and EMS.

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Nashville North acts named

Nashville North will be rocking the 2010 Calgary Stampede from July 8 to July 18 as the musical lineup was announced Thursday. Headliners include Aaron Lines, Deric Ruttan, The Kentucky Headhunters, Hey Romeo and many more. The full lineup and other acts can be found at www.calgarystampede.com.

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News in brief

EDUCATION The province has signed an agreement with B2L Partnership to design, build, finance, and maintain 10 new schools in Calgary and the Edmonton region through a public-private partnership. The 10 new Alberta P3 schools are expected to open to students in September 2012, and there is also a high school planned for Calgary.

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New space for artists?

Council may save some buildings from the wrecking ball

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Local art enthusiasts say the fate of a Calgary art gallery could depend on the results of a motion put forward to city council Monday.

Jacquelyn Mulyk says Artpoint Gallery is banking on the success of a motion by Ald. Joe Ceci on Monday to allow the gallery to continue operating after it's seen its rent double in costs recently to \$64,000 to reflect market prices.

If passed, the motion would essentially allow the city to lease city-owned buildings, such as the Artpoint located in Ramsay/Inglewood, that are slated for future demolition to non-profit arts and culture organizations. "We really need this motion to pass and we're really hoping it does because it could be the only way we stay open and a lot of artists depend on this



The Artpoint building at 1139-11 St. SE in Inglewood is the subject of a notice of motion that will come before council on Monday.

place," Mulyk said.

"The Artpoint is one of the last affordable places left for artists to get together and show their work. We just can't raise their rents that much or they wouldn't be able to afford it and we would even-

tually have to close the doors."

Calgary Arts Development supports the initiative and president and CEO Terry Rock said it's important to save the Artpoint.

"The shortage of afford-

able art space in Calgary is well known," he said.

"If passed, this initiative will enable Artpoint to thrive, which benefits artists and Calgarians, while providing a blueprint for similar initiatives in the future."

Man wanted for home invasions

CRIME Police are seeking a man wanted in connection with several recent home invasions in the city.

Police say a man hired a female escort on March 22 to come to his home, but two men entered the home shortly after, robbed him and left with the woman.

A similar incident happened on March 30 to another man and again an-

other incident on April 7. Police have charged 23-year-old Barbara Nicole Gautreau of no-fixed-address with three counts of robbery. Police are still seeking Jesse George Sprayson, 33, of no-fixed-address for one count of robbery and a parole violation. He has a darker complexion, and tattoos on his neck and right arm.

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Province pumps \$6M into housing

FUNDING Six-million dollars from the provincial government will help fund homes for 68 Alberta families, after the province announced funding for Habitat for Humanity.

Families in Calgary, Edmonton, Brooks, Camrose, Lethbridge, Olds, Red Deer, Lloydminster and the South Peace area will share in the windfall.

"Alberta's partnership

with Habitat for Humanity gives families access to affordable housing and helps them build equity for the future," said Jonathan Denis, minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.

In 2009/2010, the province provided \$90.3 million for the development of 1,075 new affordable units in rural and urban Alberta.

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Following golden rule, bus driver earns praise

TRANSIT He went above and beyond the duties of a bus driver much to the delight of a Calgary father and son.

Robert Tang Kong was pleasantly surprised when a Calgary transit bus driver left his 18-year-old son's lost wallet in their mailbox a day after he left it on a southwest bus.

"We couldn't believe it when we checked the mail and the wallet was there with everything in it. It's a really good feeling, he definitely went above and beyond," Tang Kong said.

Tang Kong was so appreciative he emailed Calgary Transit with accolades for the driver.

"We just wanted to say thank you," Tang Kong said.

For his part, third-year Calgary transit driver Gary Goddard said he would do the same for anyone.

"I think it's just the right thing to do. I'm part of the church and we're just taught to do unto others as they do to us," he said.

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Water restrictions lifted
Voluntary water restrictions have been lifted for residents in north Calgary and Airdrie after two days. **METRO CALGARY**



Alderman Joe Ceci and fellow volunteers crowd around "Earth" to celebrate Earth Day at the Plaza Theatre in Kensington. Ceci and the volunteers spent the day cleaning up communities and schools.

'Clean teams' sweep up

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It was dubbed a 22 Minute Makeover but it lasted a day — and one city alderman hopes it will catch on across the city.

Ald. Joe Ceci and his clean team donned gloves and vests on Thursday for the third year of his annual cleanup in celebration of

Earth Day's 40th anniversary.

"It's been a great day, I'm not really sure how much litter we picked up but it's a lot and I think we really made a difference," Ceci said.

"It was really nice to see so many people helping out and pitching in and having fun doing it."

Over 100 small and large "clean teams" participated

in this year's event throughout 13 communities and two Business Revitalization zones and industrial areas, including the Mustard Seed.

A variety of community associations, neighbours, families, businesses, agencies and individuals all participated in the initiative.

Ceci finished the day by attending an Earth Day film at the Plaza Theatre in Kensington.

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Women apologize for fatal crash

Two women involved in a hit-and-run that killed a woman crossing a Fredericton intersection in a wheelchair have apologized for their actions. Darcie Victoria West and Tiffany Monroe were to be sentenced along with West's father for the accident last August that killed Dianne Trotter of Toronto, but the sentencing was adjourned. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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It's all clear for takeoff

Air Canada says it plans to operate a full slate of flights to Europe now that ash from an Icelandic volcano is abating — but it will take several days to clear up a passenger backlog. About 102,000 flights were cancelled around the world since the ash began spreading across Europe. Airlines say they lost at least \$1.7 billion US in revenue during the crisis. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Jaffer's blue, but that green fund's red-hot

HANDOUTS It's the green pool at the centre of the Rahim Jaffer controversy.

The Green Infrastructure Fund is flush with federal cash for environmental projects,

Jaffer, husband of turfed Tory minister Helena Guergis, wasn't able to tap into the \$1-billion fund, but others have.

About half the cash has already been doled out.

The money is being used for such things as power lines for hydroelectricity

in British Columbia and Quebec projects to process garbage.

The Conservative government launched the green fund last year as part of its stimulus plan, a five-year pool of cash to support clean energy and waste management.

Infrastructure Canada manages the money. The agency's website says the fund "will focus on a few, large scale, strategic infrastructure projects."

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Ottawa PM's golden moment



Members of the Canadian Winter Olympic Team hold up their medals around Prime Minister Stephen Harper during a group photo on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday. The Hill was a sea of red as MPs paid tribute to the Winter Olympic and the Paralympic teams.

Tax the banks? Don't bank on it

Flaherty rebuffs push by IMF

Canada will not slap a tax on banks to protect against any future financial meltdowns.

That was the message from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty as he stood his ground Thursday on the eve of the G20 meeting of finance ministers.

"We're a sovereign country — we can regulate our banks and our other financial institutions as we see fit," Flaherty said in Washington.

"As finance minister of Canada, I am not going to impose a tax on our banks that performed well dur-

ing the financial crisis.

"It seems to me a very odd thing to do, to punish our banks who got the job done admirably."

The International Monetary Fund threw its weight behind the proposal. It was set to be a hot topic at the G20 meetings on Friday.

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News in brief

CRIME The Tory government is reintroducing legislation to ban the use of house arrest for major crimes committed by "serious and violent" offenders. Justice Minister Rob

Nicholson says it's only common sense that "the punishment should fit the crime." The original bill died when Parliament was prorogued in December. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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According to a new study, carbon dioxide being absorbed from the air is causing the chemistry of the oceans to change faster than it has in hundreds of thousands of years. The U.S. National Research Council reports that, as the oceans get more acidic, coral reefs can be damaged. The change also threatens other sea life from fish to shellfish. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Study: Carbon dioxide threatening oceans

World

Palin's daughter testifies in hack trial

Bristol Palin testified in Tennessee yesterday that she was 17 and pregnant in 2008 when she received hundreds of phone calls and texts when her number was posted online after her mother's email account was hacked. Palin, left, said she worried when boys called, claiming they were at her front door and wanted in. On trial for hacking the account is David Kernell. Sarah Palin is subpoenaed to testify but it's unclear if she will.

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Europe back in flight again

European airports sent thousands of planes into the sky Thursday after a week of unprecedented disruptions, with airlines piling on more flights and bigger planes to try to get as many people home as possible.

Nearly all of the continent's 28,000 scheduled flights, including more than 300 trans-Atlantic routes, were going ahead. Every plane was packed, however, as airlines squeezed in some of the hundreds of thousands who had been stranded for days among passengers with regular Thursday tickets.

Airlines said, despite their efforts, there was no quick and easy solution to cut down the backlog of passengers.

"Quite frankly we don't have an answer to this," said David Henderson, spokesman for the Association of European Airlines, which predicted it would take several days to get all stranded passengers to their destinations. "We don't know where they are and in what numbers, so we would expect it will go

Winds shift

Shifting winds sent a new plume of volcanic ash over Scandinavia, forcing some airports to close again. The new airspace restrictions applied to parts of northern Scotland, southern Norway, Sweden and Finland, said Kyla Evans, spokeswoman for Eurocontrol, the European air traffic agency. Some oil rig workers were trapped Thursday on platforms in the North Sea because helicopters were grounded.

on into the early part of next week."

A week of airspace closures caused by the ash threat to planes created the worst breakdown in civil aviation in Europe since the Second World War. More than 100,000 flights were cancelled and airlines are on track to lose over \$2 billion. The aviation crisis that began with an April 14 volcanic eruption in Iceland left millions of passengers in limbo and sparked calls for a wholesale reform of Europe's air traffic system.

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Thailand Protests come to a head in violence



A woman is rushed to an ambulance after an explosion Thursday in Bangkok. A burst of grenade attacks near a massive encampment of anti-government protesters killed one person and injured 75 after a tense, weeklong standoff. Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban said attackers shot five M-79 grenades. But his brief statement seemed to stop short of directly blaming the protesters, known as the Red Shirts.

Rig workers presumed dead

GULF OF MEXICO A deepwater oil platform that burned for more than a day after a massive explosion sank into the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday, creating the potential for a major spill as it underscored the slim chances that the 11 workers still missing survived. The sinking of the Deepwater Horizon, which burned violently until the gulf itself extinguished the fire, could unleash more than a million litres of crude a day into the water. The environmental hazards would be greatest if the spill were to reach the Louisiana coast, 80 kilometres away. Crews searched for the missing workers, but one relative said family members have been told it's unlikely any of the missing survived Tuesday's blast.

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News in brief

NEW YORK U.S. President Barack Obama rebuked Wall Street for risky practices Thursday even as he sought its leaders' help for "updated, common sense" regulations to head off any new fi-

nanial crisis. The president acknowledged differences of opinion over how to protect weary taxpayers but denounced criticism from some Republicans who claim a Democratic-sponsored bill

would encourage future bailouts of banks. "That may make for a good sound bite, but it's not factually accurate," Obama said.

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Blagojevich wants Obama to testify
Ousted Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich has asked federal judge to subpoena the U.S. president to testify at his corruption trial. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cops: Fake orgy call targeted neighbour

A Connecticut man who was feuding with his neighbour targeted her in an explicit online posting that invited strangers to a rowdy orgy with a bored soccer mom, police said.

Philip James Conran, 42, made his first court appearance Thursday, but did not enter a plea to charges including reckless endangerment, harassment, criminal trespass and risk of injury to a minor.

The charges stem from an April 5 posting on Craigslist that said a woman in West Hartford wanted to "please as many as I can before I go to work!" Detectives, Conran's attorney and the woman targeted in the posting are not saying what prompted the feud between the longtime neighbours in the middle-class Hartford suburb.

Police Chief James Strilacci said even veteran officers were surprised by the number of strangers who knocked on the woman's

Other charges stem from incident

• One man who saw the Craigslist posting went to the wrong house, where he groped a teenage girl, police said. He has been charged

with sexual assault and other counts. His attorney said his client has psychological issues and plans to plead not guilty.

door, called the house or drove by.

"We were saying to ourselves, 'The economy must be worse than we think if all of these able-bodied men are able to immediately drop everything and drive over to this neighbourhood' on a Monday morning, he said.

Conran, an unemployed cook, has been free on \$75,000 bond since his arrest. The married father was ordered Thursday to have no contact with his neighbour. The Craigslist ad, titled "Looking for lust," was purported to be written by a married soccer mom hoping to fulfil her fantasy of group sex and inviting

strangers to "please come play." It listed her street address.

Men started showing up at her door and in her neighbourhood, prompting her brother-in-law to stand guard and write down visitors' licence plates, police said. He also shooed away those bold enough to come to the door, including one who threatened to post her picture at soccer fields around town, authorities said. By the time the posting was removed, more than a half-dozen people had parked nearby or come to her door, and others slowly drove by or circled the neighbourhood, police said.

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Russia Victory dance



Russian actors dressed in Second World War uniforms perform before the departure of a retro train called Victory at a railway terminal in Rostov-on-Don, about 1,000 kilometres south of Moscow, on Thursday. The train will move to the south, visiting places of battle to mark the 65th anniversary of the allied victory over Nazi Germany.

News in brief

WASHINGTON Yielding to election year reality, the U.S. Senate passed a bill Thursday to deny members of Congress from receiving their annual

pay raises next year. Democrat Russ Feingold engineered the surprise passage of the legislation, which would deny senators and members of the

House of Representatives automatic pay raises of about \$1,600 next year. Members of Congress make \$174,000 a year.

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Vying for mayor's chair

Mclver describes himself as 'fairly ordinary Calgarian'

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It's a no nonsense welder's son who wants to be Calgary's next mayor.

What's there to know? Born in Woodstock, Ont., he is one of seven children.

The middle-born advantage?

"It's basic training for being in council. There was lots of debate every day — you learn to give as good as you get."

Dad was a welder for Massey Ferguson and mom worked her way up

at a credit union.

Ric Mclver came to Calgary on July 16, 1981, at 9 a.m., happily transferred by Schneiders.

Married with two children, Mclver, 51, has represented Ward 12 for three terms.

He drives a Ford Escape Hybrid.

While stuck in traffic, he thinks about ... getting rid of left-turn lanes on Macleod Trail during rush hour.

Best trait: He cites being straightforward. (But not so much so I could readily understand his position on Plan-It)

He's working on: Impatience.

And taxes? Mclver wants

to hold them to the rate of inflation. "The city needs money to operate, I get that, but there have been precious few tax increases held to rate of inflation."

If he could wave a magic wand, he would get the south-west ring road completed, expand public transit, and

ensure better access to the Calgary Airport. "If there's one accident on the Deerfoot, you shouldn't miss your flight."

He's a critic of the Calatrava pedestrian bridge. "The process didn't meet the right level of scrutiny."

Ironically, he got into politics after fighting the placement of a pedestrian

bridge with neighbours. His group won and the bridge was put down river near Fish Creek Park. But the city's contemptuous treatment of his group fired his political desire.

What keeps him up at night? Worrying how seniors on fixed incomes can afford to live in Calgary.

Greatest joy of the job? The little things that nobody hears about, Mclver says, such as helping a senior constituent with a backed up sewer so she could hold Christmas dinner with family.

His conclusion: "I'm a fairly ordinary Calgarian."

Other candidates are jumping into the race. Let the games begin.

Janice Paskey teaches at Mount Royal University and is a volunteer with Westwood Hockey.

"There was lots of debate every day — you learn to give as good as you get."

Ric Mclver

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Noteworthy

New images will change understanding of the sun

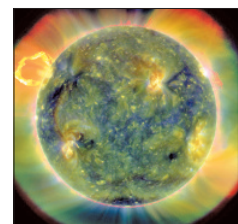
Billing it as something that will "change textbooks," NASA has unveiled the first spectacular shots taken by the Solar Dynamics Observatory.

The space probe was launched Feb. 11, and is now in orbit around the sun and sending back reams of data.

"SDO will change our understanding of the sun and its processes, which affect our lives and society. This mission will have a huge impact on science, similar to the impact of the Hubble Space Telescope on modern astrophysics," Richard Fisher, director of the Heliophysics Division at NASA, said in a release.

The first offerings include high-resolution photographs and short videos. The most stunning video shows a "solar prominence" erupting and arcing thousands of kilometres into space from the sun's surface. The event took place March 30.

Another shot captures the entirety of the star, and demonstrates in



In this handout from NASA, a full-disk multiwavelength extreme ultraviolet image of the sun taken by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory is seen March 30. The colours represent different gas temperatures, with red being cooler and the blues and greens being hotter.

colour coding the relative temperatures on its surface. Much of the sun is coloured green and blue — meaning the temperature is around 100,000 C.

SDO is the first mission of NASA's Living With A Star (LWS) program. The goal of LWS is to understand the sun as a magnetic variable star and to measure its impact on life and society on Earth.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Worth mentioning

South Korea takes aim at Net addiction

Day and night, Lee Mi-hwa's son stays on his computer, slaying dragons in his online fantasy world while his dinner and homework sit untouched.

Lee says the 15-year-old fights her attempts to get him to log off, screaming and physically lashing out at her entreaties. She pulls up her sleeves to reveal bruises she says come from his blows.

Her son is among some two million people classified by the government as "Internet addicts" in South Korea, a nation of 49 million considered one of the most technologically wired in the world.

Some are becoming increasingly violent. Last month, a couple let their three-month-old starve while they raised a virtual child in an online game, spending most of their days at an Internet cafe instead of caring for their newborn,

police said.

The baby looked like "a mummy" because she had not been fed for so long, according to a Suwon police officer who investigated the case.

In February, a 22-year-old bludgeoned his mother to death for "nagging" him about playing Internet games, police said. He then played games online for hours, paying with his mother's credit card, a police statement said.

Such incidents have alarmed the country, with the public calling for better measures against gaming addictions. The government announced last month it would take action by restricting access to pop-

ular online games, and is sending counsellors to elementary schools to teach children about healthy Internet usage.

"It's a little ironic that what was invented to make our lives better has come to make it worse for some," said Park Hye-kyung, director of the I Will Center, a government-funded coun-

selling centre created in December to focus on the growing issue of Internet addiction.

"Internet addiction" may not be recognized as a medical condition or psychiatric disorder, but it often serves as a symptom of more serious underlying mental disorders such as attention

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Three out of 10 Korean adults and some 26 per cent of teenagers are addicted gamers, according to Eo Gee-jun, president of the Korea Computer Life Institute.

deficit disorder and depression, said Dr. Kim Tae-hoon, a psychiatrist who treats teenagers.

Kim said the Internet is almost too readily available in South Korea. More than 90 per cent of homes have broadband Internet access, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. In addition to widespread broadband, Internet cafes known as "PC rooms" are open 24 hours throughout the country.

The Culture Ministry announced a joint project with major South Korean gaming companies earlier this month to implement a "late-night shutdown" on Internet games popular among young users. Access to three games will be blocked from midnight until 8 a.m. to users under age 18 when the program goes into effect later this year.

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Smartphone sales fuel Nokia's Q1 profits

Nokia Corp.'s first-quarter net profit surged to 349 million euros (\$467 million US) with strong growth in smartphone sales, the company said Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business

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Our lead won't last: BoC

Canada is leading the other G7 countries out of recession with the fastest growth in a decade, but it will be trailing those countries in a few years, the Bank of Canada said Thursday.



Mark Carney

The central bank's latest economic outlook released Thursday makes several bold predictions, including Canada's fast start out of last year's slump is already slowing, the housing boom is fizzling out, and the country's long-term growth prospects are discouraging.

And governor Mark Carney is cautioning markets not to be so sure Canada's central bank will raise its key interest rates in a matter of weeks.

On Tuesday, the Canadian

dollar shot up more than 1.5 cents to above parity with the U.S. currency after the Bank of Canada said it was dropping its promise not to raise rates before July at the earliest.

But Carney told a news conference Thursday there is still considerable risk in the global economy, or to anticipating his next move.

"There is nothing pre-ordained from this day forward," Carney said to a question on interest rates.

Most economists interpreted Tuesday's statement as an alert to plan for higher rates in June, but some argued Carney had left himself plenty of wiggle room.

"The Bank of Canada has limited scope to raise interest rates in the next several months," said Brian Bethune, chief economist with IHS Global Insight.

"While we may see one or two token moves to raise the overnight rate by a quarter of a point in the June to October window, action to raise rates will be very limited" by the fact doing so would further boost an already strong dollar.

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Businesses use Earth Day to flaunt green efforts

ENVIRONMENT Canadian businesses took advantage of the 40th Earth Day on Thursday to trumpet their environmental credentials by announcing initiatives aimed at bathing them in a green glow.

Whether it's banning large-tank flush toilets (Rona Inc.), touting their environmentally friendly socks (Gildan Activewear) or donating one million travel miles (Aeroplan), compa-

nies were eager to flaunt their efforts.

Even the Ontario government got involved by announcing plans to outlaw toilets that use more than six litres of water per flush.

Philippe Cousteau, grandson of undersea explorer and environmentalist Jacques-Yves Cousteau, said many companies have discovered that adopting environmentally friendly practices make them more effi-

cient, which is good for the bottom line. "If they're doing a token gesture then that's not sufficient," the co-founder of Earth Echo International said in an interview after addressing Montreal's Millennium Summit.

"But I think there are many businesses out there that are truly working very hard to figure out ways they can benefit the environment," Cousteau said.

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Business in brief

BANK TAX Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is urging G20 countries to reject calls for a new bank tax at their next meeting in Washington later this week as they tackle a critical reform of the world's financial system. Canada's top central banker, who will be participating at the meetings Friday and Saturday, said the G20 nations have far more important work to do than a bank tax.

U.S. The U.S. economy is improving, with home sales up, jobless claims down and inflation tame. Yet there are concerns the rebound won't get much juice from the housing market, which is being fuelled by government tax breaks. Sales of previously occupied homes grew by nearly seven per cent last month, more than expected, the U.S. National Association of Realtors said Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sports

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Sports in brief

STAMPS The Calgary Stampeders added to their offence Thursday, signing running back Rafael Little and receiver Louis Givens. Little signed with the NFL's Tennessee Titans in 2008 after recording 5,343 all-

purpose yards at the University of Kentucky.

BASKETBALL The NCAA has decided not to mess around too much with March Madness. Instead of jumping to a 96-team field, a possibility that drew

criticism, the NCAA plans to expand by only three teams, from 65 to 68.

MLS Major League Soccer hopes to announce another expansion soon, this time to Montreal. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Hasek wins another title

Even at age 45, Dominik Hasek, left, is still dominating in goal. Hasek led his hometown club HC Eaton Pardubice to the Czech league title Thursday. Pardubice beat HC Vitkovice Steel 3-2 in overtime in Ostrava to sweep the final 4-0. Hasek came out of retirement last year to play for his former club in the Czech league in the town where he was born and started his career. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Matt Carkner scored at 7:06 of the third overtime to give the Ottawa Senators a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night, forcing a sixth game in the Eastern Conference series.

Carkner fired a slap shot through traffic from the right point that deflected off the Penguins' Matt Cooke for his first goal of the post-season, ending the longest game of the playoffs this year. It was by far the longest game in Senators' history — only their second to go past one extra session. Peter Regin tied it with 9:36 to play, Mike Fisher and Jarkko Ruutu also scored, and Jason Spezza



Pascal Leclaire of the Ottawa Senators makes a save on the Penguins' Mike Rupp. Leclaire made 56 saves as Ottawa won 4-3.

and Erik Karlsson each had two assists for the Senators, who have won two of three at Mellon Arena. Game 6 is Saturday night at Ottawa.

Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist to give him multiple points in every post-season game this season, and Kris Letang and Chris Kunitz also scored for Pittsburgh. The defending Stanley Cup champion Pen-

guins rallied from a 2-0 deficit to take a 3-2 lead on Crosby's goal with 10:59 left in regulation only to give up the equalizer 1:23 later. Pascal Leclaire made 56 saves in his first playoff start. He made his career post-season debut after Brian Elliott was pulled during the second period of Game 4.

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Stop complaining about refs: NBA boss

NBA commissioner David Stern has warned coaches and players to stop complaining about the officiating. The league handed out fines of \$35,000 US each on Thursday to Boston Celtics forward Rasheed Wallace, Orlando Magic coach Stan Van Gundy and Orlando forward Matt Barnes for publicly criticizing officials. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Oklahoma QB Bradford taken 1st by Rams

The Big 12, led by Oklahoma, kicked off a big party for itself at Radio City Music Hall in New York during the first prime-time NFL draft Thursday night.

The Rockettes would have loved it.

Starting with quarterback Sam Bradford going to the St. Louis Rams, five of the

top six picks were from the Big 12 — three of them Sooners.

The Oklahoma junior became the eighth quarterback since 2001 taken atop the draft. He was immediately followed Thursday night by defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh of Nebraska, the AP Player of the

Year; DT Gerald McCoy and OT Trent Williams, Bradford's teammates with the Sooners.

"That's pretty cool because I know the Big 12 has been getting a lot of slack lately," Bradford said. "People for some reason didn't think that we played much football in the Big 12 and

sure didn't think we played much defence, so for two defensive tackles to go in the first three picks is a credit to the Big 12."

And what about the Sooners' run at the top of the festivities?

"It's insane isn't it?" McCoy said with a huge smile. "We can't play football in

the Big 12, but the first four picks went out the Big 12? Mmmmm — three of 'em from Oklahoma, by the way."

Bradford, the 2008 winner of the Heisman Trophy, joins a Rams team that was 1-15 last season and scored a league-low 175 points. The Rams cut incumbent Marc

Bulger in the off-season.

Bradford appeared in only three games in 2009, his junior year, before undergoing right shoulder surgery. His recovery has been so complete that the Rams didn't hesitate to make him the future face of the franchise.

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The fortunes of Canada's Olympic movement are rising. On the heels of the most successful performance ever at the Vancouver 2010 Games, there is a new leadership group and clearly an intense focus on branding our Olympic heroes.

It's all happened so fast. The increased focus on Canadian Olympians is more than welcome. Too often in the past they've been ignored in the years between Games.

Change is afoot.

This weekend in Montreal there will be a parade featuring the medallists from the home Olympics. Legends including kayak star Caroline Brunet, sprinter Bruny Surin and speedskater Susan Auch will be enshrined in Canada's Olympic Hall of Fame.

A Bell Centre gala featuring musical headliners, Simple Plan, Sarah McLachlan and Tom Cochrane will serenade the athletes and invited corporate guests who will, no doubt, empty their pockets in aid of the cause.

The big splash will usher in new Canadian Olympic Committee president Marcel Aubut and his lieutenants, CEO Jean Dupre and chief marketing officer Chris Overholt. They will trot out the athletes as proof positive the Olympics are cool.

Here's hoping it doesn't foreshadow a trend, which will see the Olympic movement in this country turned into something resembling just another professional sports venture.

Aubut and Overholt come from that world. The former was on the

NHL's board of governors as president of the Quebec Nordiques.

Overholt marketed the Toronto Raptors, Florida Panthers and the Miami Dolphins. Only Dupre has a long-standing association with Olympic sport as the head of Speed Skating Canada.

While the new group has credentials, the old one, including CEO Chris Rudge, chief operating officer Lou Ragagnin and chief marketing officer David Bedford managed the current financial crisis heroically and enabled spectacular performances by Canadian athletes.

"It was my heart and soul," said Bedford of his longtime association with the COC. He acted in many roles including that of chief de mission at the 2004 Athens Olympics. "We're all proud of what we were able to accomplish," he said.

In the wake of so much success there is a huge shift in the direction of the COC. And there is an agenda on the part of the new boss.

"With combined decades of solid business marketing, revenue generation and sport administration experience, Dupre and Overholt have the passion and acumen to help the Canadian Olympic team become the No. 1 sports franchise in Canada," said Aubut of his new team at the top.

Let's hope the Canadian Olympic movement continues to be something more than a franchise capable of turning gold medals into a solid bottom line.

The Olympics are about more than branding and business. A little heart and soul never hurts.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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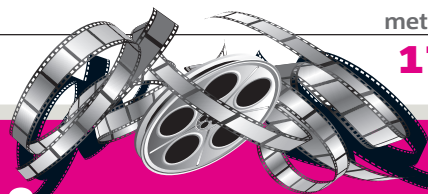
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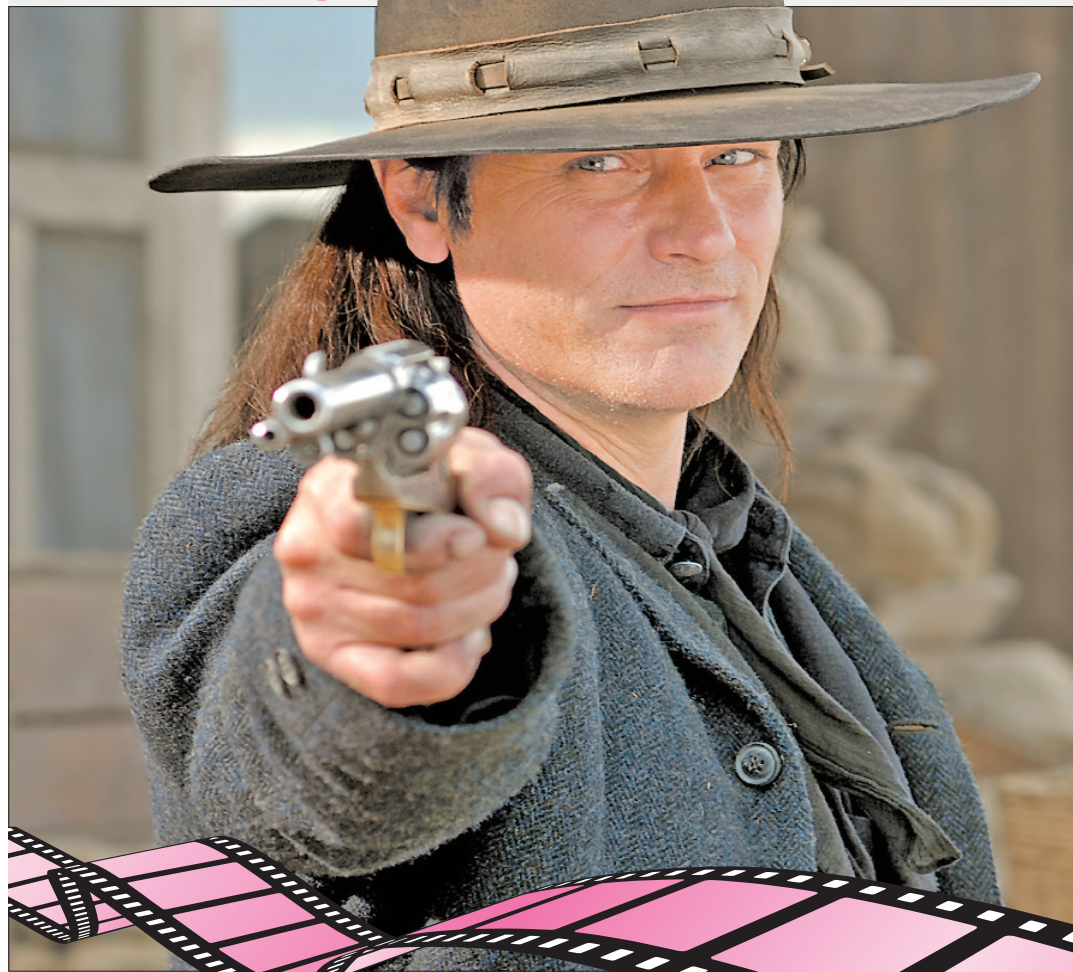
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Paul Gross' The Montana Kid crosses over to Canada in Gunless.

Gross due North in comic western

Hollywood genre gets Canadian twist

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



There was always something that nagged Paul Gross about his famous role as respectable Mountie Benton Fraser on the mid-nineties television drama Due South.

"I never actually had a gun, I had a wedge of wood in my holster," admitted Gross during a recent interview to promote his coincidentally-named new film, Gunless. "So getting to go to work and actually have a real Colt 45, that was just heavenly."

Although Gross stopped short of insisting a real gun was his impetus for taking on the role of a gunslinger in the new Western-style comedy, he does accept that the weapon informed his portrayal.

"They're kind of amazing to hold," said Gross. "I was practising constantly, drawing it and spinning it and trying to do tricks with it ...but it's still in the back of your head (that) this is something that could actually kill people. It sort of does something to

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you."

For Gross, it aided in developing The Montana Kid, a bewildered American outlaw that stumbles into a fictional Canadian town and challenges the local blacksmith to a showdown only to discover the hamlet's sedate inhabitants literally gunless — a circumstance that, for an American gunslinger anyway, is utterly confounding.

"(The Western genre) isn't a naturally Canadian form. It's really an invention of Hollywood to represent or speak to something about the American frontier spirit," said Gross. "You couldn't get away with making High Plains Drifter and set it in Medicine Hat...but you can import a gunslinger and drop him into a Canadian setting and then you have Gunless."

Of course, Gunless isn't the first movie of Gross'

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Paul Gross

that boasts Canuck roots. He wrote, directed and starred in 2008's Passchendaele, the award-winning drama about one of the most traumatic wartime battles in Canadian history.

But as Gross discovered, turning Alberta foothills into a muddy Belgian battleground wouldn't compare to the staggering conditions the actor faced in blistering southern B.C. when he shot Gunless last summer.

"I find the heat hard to work in because my brain just kind of short circuits. I just feel sort of stunned all the time," chuckled Gross before pausing to reflect on his character. "Thank God, I didn't have to be too smart!"

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Animals have it out for Brendan Fraser's character in *Furry Vengeance*.

Super Furry animals

Critters send green message in Fraser film

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



What happens when fuzzy animals learn that soulless businessmen plan to bulldoze their woodland paradise to build a suburb?

Well, obviously they take revenge by pulling a variety of goofy pranks that typically end with the poor sucker in charge of the project getting hit in the groin.

At least, that's what happens in the upcoming family farce *Furry Vengeance* starring Brendan Fraser and Brooke Shields. The stars recently made a trip to Toronto where they discussed their environmental slapstick comedy with Metro.

Given his career-long commitment to physical comedy, the project is certainly not a surprise for Fraser who was pleased to add it to his wacky resume.

"I thought it would be fun to play a complete doofus who is well meaning, but mis-prioritized," claimed Fraser. "Plus there's a timeliness to the environmental theme in a way that doesn't cram anything down your throat, but still teaches little kids

to be nice to nature." However, Fraser did cop to one requirement he insisted on before accepting the role.

"I made the director promise that this would not be a movie about talking animals. There are enough of those already," joked the actor.

Brooke Shields (who plays Fraser's wife) admitted that she was also a little trepidatious about signing on to a wacky animal picture, but changed her tone when she learned about her potential co-star.

"I am completely enamoured with Brendan and that was a huge selling point to be in the film," admitted Shields. "And then the fact that animals weren't speaking and there was a subtle, yet poignant message helped as well."

The actors' genuine appreciation for each other was evident both in their giggly duo interview and their onscreen chemistry.

But of course, this isn't just a two-actor movie. In addition to all their furry co-stars Fraser and Shields share the screen with a cavalcade of scene-stealing comedians like *The Hangover*'s Ken Jeong and *Daily Show* alum Rob Riggle.

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Brendan Fraser

"That was another golden rule: to populate the cast with great comic actors so there was a sort of funny Greek chorus," said Fraser.

This comedy style inevitably led to a great deal of improvisational one-upsmanship between the performers. a "We always did one take as written for the studio and then when the parents went away we were all allowed to have fun," noted Fraser.

This led to an open atmosphere on set that the entire cast responded to. "We are all the type of people who hunger for that freedom and thrive on it," said Shields.

The result is an incredibly silly comedy in which the entire cast joyfully makes fools of themselves. It's certainly not high art, but a playful family movie that both Brooke Shields and Brendan Fraser hope that other children will appreciate as much as their own.

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According to The Wrap, Dwayne Johnson is attached to the lead in action thriller Protection. The film would see him as a disgraced former Special Forces soldier who sees a chance at redemption by helping a judge's 21-year-old daughter. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Music



Jennifer Lopez stars in The Back-Up Plan.

Back-Up Plan fails

The Back-Up Plan

Director: Alan Poul

Stars: Jennifer Lopez,

Alex O'Loughlin

Classification: PG

Rating: Ⓢ

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

The most distracting thing about The Back-Up Plan is Jennifer Lopez's hair. No matter what wacky situation her supposedly quirky and down-to-earth Zoe winds up in, no matter how messy this "comical" look at pregnancy gets, her 'do is always flawless. Even when she's caught in the rain.

It's only the most glaring symptom of the film's tendency to frame Lopez like the glowing pop star she is, not the clumsy, supposedly adorable character she's supposed to be playing. So scrap that whole down-to-earth thing, I guess.

The concept isn't bad for a romantic comedy — single woman decides to stop waiting for a husband to have a kid and gets herself artificially inseminated,

only to meet the man of her dreams immediately after — but the execution here takes the air out of it.

While The Back-Up Plan is director Alan Poul's first feature, he's no novice, as he's been directing startlingly good TV for years, (Six Feet Under, Rome), so it's even more surprising that nearly everything on screen falls flat. The pacing of the entire film seems off, almost loopy.

But there are a few bright spots of comic relief, including Zoe's time spent with a man-hating single mothers' support group.

And Michaela Watkins, woefully let go from Saturday Night Live last year, manages to salvage any scene she's in as Zoe's sardonic best friend with some less-than-sentimental views on childbirth and motherhood.

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Shrek Forever After debuts at Tribeca

One thing hasn't changed with Shrek: Puss in Boots still steals the show.

The fourth and supposedly final Shrek film, Shrek Forever After, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival on Wednesday night at New York's Ziegfeld Theatre.

Shrek Forever After, which will be released May 21, returns the voice cast of Mike Myers (Shrek), Cameron Diaz (Fiona), Eddie Murphy (Donkey) and Antonio Banderas as Puss in Boots, the Zorro-like feline. The film takes the shape of It's a Wonderful Life. A mid-life crisis comes to Shrek, now a father of three, who laments the loss of his younger, wilder days as a fearsome ogre.

The evil magician Rumpelstiltskin (Walt Dohrn) makes a dubious deal with Shrek, the result being that Shrek was never born and never married Fiona.

The bizarro world Shrek encounters — something like the sideways shifts of ABC's Lost — is a mish-mash of mostly the familiar fairy tale characters, but with different twists of fate. The Gingerbread Man, so meek in previous Shrek movies, is now a kickboxing warrior.

Puss in Boots, too, has been inverted. In this



Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy attend the Shrek Forever After premiere at Tribeca fest.

Shrek, the debonair swash-buckler has turned out an obese house cat, too lazy to shoo a mouse drinking from his bowl. He doesn't even have his namesake's footwear.

The character, something of a sensation after his debut in Shrek 2, won many of the laughs at the premiere of Shrek Forever After. Shortly before the premiere, Banderas said he believed the Shrek films have been popular because they're enjoyed by both kids and parents — "but most especially by the parents." He credited a loose atmosphere for the films' tone.

"We are absolutely not conditioned to say the lines in a specific way, but they allow us to improvise a lot," said Banderas. "I know that is not the method used in all animated movies."

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Tomei eyeing The Lincoln Lawyer

Marisa Tomei may be jumping aboard *The Lincoln Lawyer*. Tomei would play Maggie McPherson, the prosecuting attorney ex-wife of Matthew McConaughey's defence lawyer Micky Haller. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Norway's Max Manus an epic entertainer

Max Manus

Directors: Joachim Ronning, Espen Sandberg

Stars: Aksel Hennie

Classification: STC

Rating: ****

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Though the title might suggest a movie about a eurotrash superhero, *Max Manus* is in fact a Norwegian war film about a resistance fighter who is legendary in his native land. Maximo Guillermo Manus (what a name!) joined the war early to help Finland fight off the Russians and soon became an undercover agent in Norway during the occupation.

Max sabotaged the Nazis at an impressively consis-

tent rate, blowing up ships, destroying important documents, and escaping capture regularly. His story is well known in Norway where the film smashed box office records and it should be a pleasant surprise for unsuspecting North American audiences as well.

Max Manus is reminiscent of last year's Danish war drama *Flame And Citron*, which also focused on resistance fighters.

But while that movie was dark and depressing, *Max Manus* is a rousing crowd pleaser.

Max is a classic movie hero and watching him fight on the battlefield or in the streets offers sheer cinematic joy. The film plays as a popcorn thriller for the most part and it's obvious why it was so successful in Europe. When Max's

friends start to drop off like flies in the last act and he begins to lose his sanity, the filmmakers elevate the material above the bang-bang thrills, making this a surprisingly rewarding and complex little movie.

The film is the first major production from co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg and they prove themselves to be stylish and adept filmmakers with a future.

A distracting love story slows down Max and the film at times, but given that Manus' widow is still alive and advised on the movie, her presence is understandable.

Though *Max Manus* doesn't exactly break new ground in the well-worn Second World War action genre, it is an impressive and entertaining film that deserves attention.



Norway's war hero makes for a crowd pleaser in *Max Manus*.

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Nicholson in Vegas

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Saldana takes flight

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Zoe Saldana's career is white hot after starring roles in *Star Trek* and *Avatar* but she is no newcomer.

She's been a big screen regular for ten years, even appearing in the odd blockbuster like *Pirates of*

the Caribbean: *The Curse of the Black Pearl* and working with high end directors like Steven Spielberg, but she didn't become a household name until last year.

The actress, who describes herself as "a cool geek who happens to dress

nice," hopes to add to her growing box office clout this weekend with *The Losers*, a wild action movie based on the comic book series of the same name.

She may have become a bold face name sucking up to the fanboys but she hasn't always played comic-book characters, giant blue aliens or iconic sci fi characters.

Early roles included a sharp-tongued aspiring dancer in *Center Stage* and the prim-and-proper best friend of Britney Spears in *Crossroads* — although she'd probably rather forget that one. Roger Ebert said,

"I went to *Crossroads* expecting a glitzy bimbofest and got the bimbos but not the fest," but it was another dance role in *Drumline* that earned her the best notices of her budding career.

In the time between *Drumline* and *Star Trek*, however, she made thirteen films, some big, like *Pirates*, some so small they barely made a blip on the screen.

For example, *Haven*, a complex crime drama set in the Cayman Islands scarcely made it past a festival run, but is well worth a look on DVD.

Mixing and matching stories of corrupt businessmen, tax havens and romance it was too out-of-the-box for general audiences, but Saldana shines (the *L.A. Times* called her performance "sweet and complicated") opposite her *Pirates'* co-star Orlando Bloom.

Also unfairly relegated to the bargain bin was *Ways of the Flesh*, a 2005 medical comedy about a chief resident at a Florida Hospital who also happens to be a stand-up comedian. Saldana plays an artist whose life was once saved by the main character.

Directed by real-life doctor-turned-filmmaker Dennis Cooper, it's a sweet and funny film about not taking yourself too seriously.

Dues paid, Saldana now stars in blockbusters, which has benefits other than the juicy paycheques. In the past she says she was often mistaken for Thandie Newton — so much so that her own mother once confused the two of them — but given her recent success I'm guessing it's now Newton who gets mistaken for Saldana.

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The Losers won't win over audience

The Losers**Director:** Sylvain White**Stars:** Zoe Saldana, Jeffrey Dean Morgan**Classification:** PG**Rating:** ●●●●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Sylvain White's adaptation of lesser-known graphic novel The Losers has a lot going for it, with decent action, gorgeous locations and a talented cast obviously enjoying themselves.

But somehow, there's nothing in it to elevate the film above just all right entertainment.

In a word, it's whelming. Not overwhelming, not underwhelming, just whelm-

ing. On top of that, seeing the characters come to life on screen brings into sharp focus how much the original comic was pretty much a new riff on The A-Team.

Luckily, The Losers is getting released a couple months before that TV show's big-budget workout. See if this sounds familiar: An elite team of soldiers gets double-crossed while on a mission in Latin America.

Assumed to be out of commission by the powers that be, they go off the grid to get their revenge and clear their names through an elaborate and explosion-filled adventure. Leading the team is Clay (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), and while he never actually says it, you can kind of tell he loves it when a plan comes to-

gether.

While Morgan and the other Losers (Idris Elba, Chris Evans, Columbus Short and the underused Oscar Jaenada) turn in admirable work, complete with the requisite camaraderie, their story never really shakes off its genre confines.

As lovely as Zoe Saldana is and as fun as it is to see her shouldering a rocket launcher, her Aisha doesn't get a chance to become a real character. Director White (Stomp the Yard) seems to crib from multiple sources, including the Crank and Transporter franchises and the oeuvre of Michael Bay, which is never advisable.

• For a trailer of The Losers, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies



Zoe Saldana's Aisha turns in some tough action in The Losers.

Movie morsels**Alice In Wonderland**

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REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Date Night

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REVIEW I'm not entirely sure where Date Night would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell. After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, directed by an often critically-alooft filmmaker, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex. The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan. Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's

reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive. From there, the mistaken marriages end up on the run, a situation which generates comic comments.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

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REVIEW The highly touted Swedish murder mystery drama The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo comes highly recommended: It's as intimate and detailed as it is epic and jarring. Based on the posthumously published novel by Swedish mystery writer Stieg Larsson, director Niels Arden Oplev's powerful and very faithful film adaptation stars Michael Nyqvist as shamed investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist, who is framed for a crime he didn't commit. As he prepares for his impending prison sentence, a mysterious tattooed, pierced tomboy punk girl is following him. She's Lisbeth (Noomi Rapace), the dragon inked girl of the title, a streetwise computer hacker who, after a wealthy patriarch hires Blomkvist to uncover who in his family murdered his beloved, long dead niece, becomes the scribe's partner.

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Music

Caribou takes a dip

Polaris winner uses prize money to fund new album *Swim*

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada



"Being awarded anything still seems surreal to me."

Nearly two years after taking home a \$20,000 cheque and the coveted Polaris Music Prize in 2008 for his album *Andorra*, Dan Snaith is still remarkably humble about it. He really shouldn't be though.

Under his musical pseudonym Caribou, Snaith has released some of the most vividly sublime and carefully calculated headphone music not just by a Canadian but by an artist of any nationality. His meticulous attention to detail, which could be linked to his prowess in mathematics (he holds a PhD in the subject), has made him one of the most distinct musicians going — but try telling him that.

With his new album *Swim*, Snaith felt he needed to make his definitive statement as Caribou. "I'm really proud of all my albums, they all feel like a part of me," Snaith admits. "But this album, the main idea for me was to make it the most 'me' possible. I didn't want people to be like, 'Oh, this was influenced by this, this was influenced by that.' And that just led to me making it the most identifiable album that I've made. Maybe that's a confidence thing, I don't know."

Like any of Caribou's five albums, *Swim* is a deeply imaginative work built of kaleidoscopic melodies, as-



Swim — the new album from 2008 Polaris Music Prize winner Caribou — is a deeply imaginative work built of kaleidoscopic melodies, astounding percussion and vibrant textures.

tounding percussion and vibrant textures. While each of his previous albums were all very individual pieces inspired by a specific style of music, *Swim* represents the clearest picture of what exactly the Caribou sound is.

"I feel that each of the albums represented a different side of my musical tastes. It's not a conscious thing though," he says. "*Andorra* was definitely the pop album for me. It's the poppiest I'm ever going to

be, presumably. *Swim* is more all-encompassing. It contains a bit of the pop element from *Andorra*, the dance music influence, a bit of the psychedelic thing going on — all of the things that excite me about music are in there somewhere it seems to me, anyway."

And when it comes to how he pulled it off, Snaith credits the money he received from his Polaris win as the main reason he was able to make this album.

Ellis Island honours Bruce Springsteen and his roots

PEOPLE Everyone knows he was born in the USA, but it was Bruce Springsteen's European immigrant roots — and his family's 110-year American dream — that were celebrated on yesterday.

Accompanied by his proud mother and aunts — the women who "provided me with place" and "filled my family and all of my work with great meaning" — the rocker from New Jersey received an Ellis Island Family Heritage Award.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. presents the award to immigrants or their descendants "who have made a major contribution to the American experience." Also honoured were investment banker Peter G. Peterson; Avon Chair-

man and CEO Andrea Jung, and NBA All-Star Dikembe Mutombo.

"You can't really know who you are and where you're going unless you know where you came from," Springsteen said.

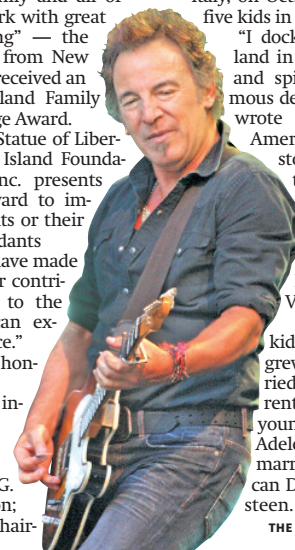
Springsteen's maternal great-grandmother, Rafaela Zerilli, arrived at Ellis Island from Vico Equense, Italy, on Oct. 3, 1900, with five kids in tow.

"I docked at Ellis Island in a city of light and spires," their famous descendant later wrote in his song *American Land*, a story not unlike their own.

They joined her husband, Rafaela, in Manhattan's West Village.

One of those kids, Antonio, grew up and married Adela Sorrentino. Their youngest daughter, Adele, went on to marry Irish-American Douglas Springsteen.

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In Concert

• Caribou plays Republik Nightclub on May 31.

"In a prosaic respect it meant that I could do things on this album that I hadn't considered doing previously," he explains. "There were more collaborative things that I wouldn't maybe have thought to do if I didn't have the facility to do it financially."

Partner says goodbye to Guru

PEOPLE The former partner of rapper Guru has bid a gracious goodbye to his one-time Gang Starr sidekick, despite a deathbed letter from Guru that dismissed their friendship.

Guru died Monday of cancer at age 48.

Producer DJ Premier issued a farewell statement, following Guru's posthumous online proclamation, which said that he

didn't wish for DJ Premier to have anything to do with his name.

DJ Premier responded: "Our time together was beautiful, we built a Hip Hop legacy together, and no one can rewrite history or take away my love for him ... It was a sad day for me to get confirmation on the death of man who I will continue to call my brother." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Music

Slash gets help from his friends on latest album

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It's gotta be Slash.

Having founded legendary rock acts such as Guns N' Roses (GNR) and Velvet Revolver — not to mention penning some of the genre's most enduring tunes — guitarist Saul "Slash" Hudson is an unmistakable fixture in the annals of pop culture. Still, while discussing the release of his 14-track eponymous solo effort, Hudson admits that even after a quarter-century in the spotlight, he's still a wreck when the curtain rises.

"I have

butterflies every time I get on stage, man."

Such apprehension is exactly what Hudson reveals culling inspiration from when creating his namesake record. Striving to break out of familiar confines without alienating fans, the album features an amalgam of his own inimitable sound/style and the voices of artists he felt best suited the riffs at hand regardless of background.

End results range from the obvious (appearances by The Cult's Ian Astbury, Iggy Pop and Ozzy Osbourne) to surprising encounters with Black Eyed Peas chanteuse Fergie, members of Maroon 5, Avenged Sevenfold and Kid Rock.

"I just wrote the music and thought about who would sound great singing on it. A lot of people wondered how the hell it was gonna work," he declares.



SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Anyone who has travelled to or through the U.S. knows that customs procedures and requirements have become more stringent over the last decade.

If the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America have their way, it could get a lot more complicated for music fans.

The Office of International Intellectual Property Enforcement (IPE) is the branch of the U.S. State Department that enforces interests of holders of American copyrights. This includes counterfeit and pirated material of

"What's scary, though, is the window this gives us into how the American entertainment industry is thinking these days."

all sorts, both physical and virtual. That also means music and video files.

The RIAA and the MPAA recently submitted a coordinated strategic plan to the IPE — and it's insane on an Orwellian level. They call for the following:

- The installation of spyware on all computers capable of detecting and deleting material it believes infringes copyright. (They believe that once educated, consumers will install this software voluntarily.)

- Mandatory installation of software on all Internet connections to detect and stop transfers of material it deems to be

infringing copyright.

- Empower U.S. customs agents to search for pirated or unauthorized material on personal media players (MP3 players and phones), laptops, USB drives or any other media with the ability to store audio and video. If they find something, then the device should be seized. (Canadian customs can do the same thing, but require a court order.)

- New copyright enforcement muscle by everyone from the FBI to the Department of Homeland Security, specifically asking them to provide protection during summer blockbuster season.

- The IPE to lean on countries around the

world to adopt the same policies.

Before we get too freaked out, it's important to remember that this is just a wishlist submitted by the RIAA and the MPAA. What's scary, though, is the window this gives us into how the American entertainment industry is thinking these days: A non-neutral Internet, less digital privacy (including the enlistment of American citizens to participate in the surveillance of themselves) and the use of federal agents to act as free bodyguards for high-profile releases.

Thankfully, this is an American issue — for now. But as with the semi-secret negotiations around the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in which Canada is participating, we need to keep an eye on this.

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Cockburn writing life story

PEOPLE Bruce Cockburn is writing his life story.

The memoir, to be published by HarperCollins, is due for release in April 2012.

Cockburn has made some 30 albums and is also known for his activism on issues like the environment and Third World debt.

The singer says he's been approached in the past about doing a book on his life, but always thought it was too soon to do such a project.

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In brief

CHARTS The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending April 24.

1. Iron Man 2 Soundtrack — AC/DC
2. Glee: The Music — The Power of Madonna — Glee Cast
3. My World 2.0 — Justin Bieber
4. The Fame Monster — Lady Gaga
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Music

Blast from the past

Jon Spencer Blues Explosion reissues catalogue

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion is not reuniting. There's no need to — they never broke up. This is according to the frontman whose name once again leads the band after they abbreviated it to just The Blues Explosion six years ago.

"The band is not over, we're sort of in this deep sleep," Spencer explains. "We're gonna be playing some shows this summer."

While they have been inactive since they released their last studio album

2004's *Damage*, The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion has actually performed a handful of times in the last couple of years and is about to embark on a serious reissue campaign of music taken from their first decade together.

Known best for Spencer's hyper-Elvis-inspired persona and a deranged union of blues and rock 'n' roll, the JSBX had one of the finest runs of any indie band in the 1990s as one of Matador Records' flagship acts.

Spencer says the idea of

re-releasing the band's catalogue was stewing in the band's creative juices, but it was another label, Shout! Factory, that spearheaded the project and at just the right moment.

"They had the right moves," he says. "It seemed like a good time, people needed to be reminded. And (with Shout! Factory) we could do it right."

The first release is a compilation, which Spencer describes as "sort of an overview." Titled *Dirty Shirt and Rock 'N' Roll: The First Ten Years*, Jon is quick to point out that "this is not the entire history of the

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Jon Spencer

band" but a carefully considered look at some of the band's best work between 1990 and 2000. "I asked Judah (Bauer, guitarist) and Russell (Simins, drummer) to submit a list of what songs they wanted to see on the album," says Spencer. "They put in their two cents, and I asked a few people who were close and knew the band, and after that I tried to hit points on everybody's lists and make sure all the different facets of the Blues Explosion were covered in the final sequence. Most importantly,

we wanted to try and make a sequence that flowed nicely that was enjoyable and listenable."

But *Dirty Shirt and Rock 'N' Roll* is just the tip of the iceberg. In the coming months, the first four JSBX albums will be reissued and "filled to the brim with extra stuff." Spencer just recently finished putting the final touches on the first one, which will be 1996's *Now I Got Worry*. With three more set to come he already sounds exhausted

Down and Dirty

• The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion's *Dirty Shirt and Rock 'N' Roll: The First Ten Years* was released this month.



with all of the details a campaign like this takes.

"It's an on-going project," he says with a laugh.



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Corinne Bailey Rae copes with death of husband

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Corinne Bailey Rae had a career every artist dreams of. Her 2006 self-titled debut was selling like crazy — it sold close to two million copies worldwide — and she was nominated for four Grammys that year.

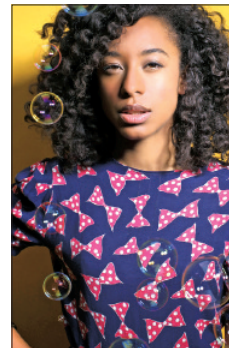
But it all came to a grinding halt in December 2008, when her husband, musician Jason Rae, accidentally overdosed and died.

Rae doesn't like talking about those days. She refers to that period as a "break" or "time off" and never mentions her husband once during our interview. It's clear though that her time away from music was more than a temporary stop — she alludes that she was close to never playing again.

"I wasn't thinking like that, (about coming back)," she says. "I didn't think that far ahead."

In fact, starting to work again happened by accident she says. "I found myself playing guitar and instead of it being something to do to express myself I was trying to make stuff up again. It was really surprising to me, really nice and really unexpected. It was a combination of finding myself writing and listening back to what I've done before and being happy with it."

Although Rae didn't directly address what she's been through, she didn't have to — it's all over her new disc, *The Sea*. The record is an edgy, emotional trip through loss. You can feel her loneliness on



Corinne Bailey Rae's *The Sea* is an emotional trip through loss.

album opener *Are You Here*. "Are you here, cause my heart recalls that it all seems the same," she laments in the song's chorus. On *The Blackest Lily* she sings, "Colour my heart, make it restart, I want it more than I ever knew."

The British songstress did say that it wasn't hard to open up. "I wanted to be truthful," she explains. "My music is mostly about self-expression. I wanted to make a record that was honest."

There's no question she's jumping into her music and touring, and while she doesn't say it's to get away from her personal tragedy at home, it's hard not to think that the extensive touring she plans to do is her way of dealing with her loss.

"I think I'm going to play a lot," she says. "I want to do the work, I believe in the record and this disc suits being played live. That's why I think I can see us doing a lot of gigs. The record deserves it." And, perhaps, so does she.

Stereos say success won't change them

KEITH CARMEN
for Metro Canada

"Without knowing someone's personal values, how can you ever say they're compromising their integrity? It's ridiculous."

Articulate, affable and incredibly grounded, Pat Kordyback is self-assured enough to call things as he sees them.

Today, that means the Stereos vocalist is venting: tired of seeing his band labelled as a bunch of sell-outs thanks to a recent surge in popularity. At that, his angst at misguided opinions regarding his person and band — completed by guitarists Miles Holmwood and Robb Chalifoux, bassist Daniel Johnson and drummer Aaron Verdonk — are justified.



Stereos were nominated for two Juno Awards this year, new group of the year and pop album of the year.

"People say I've changed since I got famous. First, I would never call myself famous and have we ever even met? Where are (people) going with this? How have I changed and what's (their) reference point for how I've 'always been'?"

Granted, the self-proclaimed "crunk-rockers" (a distinct mix of pop, hip hop, rock and R&B) have garnered a degree of fortuity thanks to accolades from Kiss bassist/mouth-

piece Gene Simmons and starring in a MuchMusic reality show dubbed *dis-BAND*.

Yet many fail to recognize the degree of trials and tribulations that went into such prosperity. Relocating to Toronto after years of hand-to-mouth destitution and single-digit audiences in their native Edmonton, Stereos has worked hard for achievements including radio hits, a popular eponymous debut album and

most recently being nominated for two Junos: new group of the year and pop album of the year.

Kordyback feels Stereos are caught between a rock and a hard place: Animosity from those who covet their position while fearing the work involved to garner it themselves yet browbeaten for enjoying the fruits of their labours.

"It's like when you liked a hot person in high school and someone else gets (them). The first thing you say is, 'Ah, I didn't want her anyway.' Well, of course I did! But you get called arrogant if you're confident. People who are afraid of confidence call it arrogance because it makes them feel better about themselves for not being that way. It's a vicious cycle but I have no qualms about what we do."



Television

Alba's education goal

Actress working to give kids the chance to go to school

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

When Jessica Alba and the world's best soccer players get together, people pay attention.

The stunning actress serves as an ambassador for 1GOAL, a unique coalition of soccer stars, celebrities like Bono and Queen Rania, and world leaders like Ban Ki Moon and Hillary Clinton. South Africa will soon host Africa's first World Cup, but as 1GOAL points out, 72 million children in Africa and elsewhere don't have a chance to attend school.

Q Were you a good student growing up?

A You'd have to ask my teachers! I talked too much.

But I did love learning. Science was my favorite subject as a kid.

I still love learning. I feel like I'm a student for life.

Q Most celebrities are famous for their good looks, not for winning Nobel Prizes. Why is education important?

A I think most people in developed countries take education for granted. We have free schools, good teachers, public libraries and other tools we need to learn.

In developing countries, education can literally mean the difference between life and death.

Educated children are less likely to contract HIV, earn more as an adult and can be the first in generations of their families to live above the poverty line.

1GOAL runs in conjunction

Q with the World Cup. What's the connection?

A The 2010 World Cup will be the first hosted in Africa.

Seventy-two million children around the world don't have access to an education, 60 per cent are in Africa, and most are girls.

Players and fans can help give a voice to the millions of girls and boys out of classrooms globally.

Q What are soccer players doing to help?

A Players like Cristiano Ronaldo, Rio Ferdinand and David James are helping us get the word out about the importance of getting every child around the world into school.

Even though they are se-

riously focused on the upcoming games, they've given much of their time over the last year meeting with world leaders and signing up fans to the campaign.

Q You recently returned from Ghana. What do you answer young children who tell you they want to become Hollywood stars?

A I say go to school first and then pursue your dreams! Anything is possible with an education.

Q Actresses like Ashley Judd have gone back to school to receive Bachelor's, even Master's degrees. Would you consider doing the same thing?

A I've lived and worked all over the world since I was a teenager.



Actress Jessica Alba sits with pupils in a Ghana classroom as part of her work with 1GOAL, a charity promoting the importance of education.

I've been educated through life experiences. I've always craved the luxury of being able to pursue higher education through a university; hopefully one day I'll do it! Until then, I'll be a student of life.

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How to make it again

How to Make It in America, starring Bryan Greenberg (right), has been renewed, HBO said on Wednesday. The series, which focuses on two guys trying to start their own clothing company, will return for Season 2 in summer 2011. **TVGUIDE.COM**



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Television

It's TV pilot season

Turreted and stately, the house on a quiet street in Newton had been vacant for a while.

But for a few days last month, its 'For Sale' signs went away. Trucks, trailers, crews and actors converged along Lake Avenue after fliers in every neighbour's mailbox gave fair warning: This picture-perfect homestead would temporarily be occupied as one of several shooting sites around the Boston area for a CBS pilot called Quinn-Tuplets.

Quinn-Tuplets is just one of 80-plus scripted pilots in production and due to be evaluated soon by the five broadcast networks. Each is bucking for a berth on a fall prime-time schedule. But only a handful will make the cut. That means if Quinn-Tuplets doesn't pass muster with CBS execs, it will be tossed, forever unseen by the public, on the lofty scrapheap of busted TV pilots.

Such is the game of win or lose played out each pilot season in a high-stakes, time-crunched scramble.

Lately, a year-round program roll-out has found favour in the

industry. Even so, the May "upfront" presentations — heralding a new crop of fall TV to advertisers and the world — remain. This half-century-old rite perpetuates the need for pilots to sustain it. Lots of pilots. Pronto.

Shawn Ryan, with series to his credit including The Unit and The Shield, has a pilot in the works for Fox called Ride-Along.

"When you're producing an ongoing show," he said one hectic day last week, "It feels like you're in an out-of-control car hurtling 100 miles per hour and you never know whether you'll get someplace, or crash. With a pilot, you start at a standstill, and you're told you've got to be at 100 miles per hour — tomorrow!"

Almost in lockstep, the process goes like this: Come January, scripts for dramas and comedies are picked by the studios from hundreds in development. Production begins. By the end of April, each finished



(Above) Becki Newton (Ugly Betty) and (right) Jordana Spiro (My Boys) are acting in a pilot for a potential new series Love Bites.

include Sex and the City) conceived Love Bites as an hour-long romantic comedy anthology with loosely connected tales of love, marriage and dating. Besides a slate of guest stars, she signed Becki Newton (Ugly Betty) and Jordana Spiro (My Boys) as the series' regular cast mem-



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bers. pilot is delivered to the network that ordered it. Then, in mid-May, the networks unveil their fall line-ups, with a lucky few new shows part of the mix — all whipped together in the frantic fortnight that went before.

"The advantage is, it's a system that everybody's used to," said David Stapf, president of CBS Television Studios. "The disadvantage: We're all going after the same directors, the same actors, at the same time. That makes it difficult."

Stapf has a dozen pilots under way for the sister CBS network (besides Quinn-Tuplets, they include a revived Hawaii Five-O and Reagan's Law, a cop drama starring Tom Selleck), plus two for the CW. These came from scores of scripts and series pitches he'd been shepherding since last summer.

But for Cindy Chupack, the script development phase of her NBC project, Love Bites, took place two years ago. Then NBC opted not to go the next step to a pilot. Much to her surprise early this year, Chupack learned Love Bites had sprung back to life: The network's current bosses wanted a pilot. Under the aegis of NBC's Universal Media Studios, she started hiring a crew and casting roles.

Chupack (whose credits as a writer-producer in-

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"We're going from words on paper that only a few executives saw and decided not to make before, to now," said Chupack in a recent interview from Los Angeles, sounding jazzed as she faced the 14th and final shooting day. "It's really nice to employ a lot of people and have them making this thing that's been on paper for a long time."

On the other hand, Love Bites will be fighting for a place at the table against established series NBC may stick with, plus a dozen-and-a-half other pilots. These include the high-profile Rockford Files remake and a legal drama starring Jimmy Smits, whose executive producer is NBC's ex-communicated talk-show host, Conan O'Brien.

"I'm kind of Zen about it," said Chupack when asked about her nail-biting plans when she is waiting for the verdict. "There are so many factors I have no control over."

She expects to hear the news — good or bad — as late as Sunday, May 16. If her show's among the chosen few, she'll jump on a plane to be in New York at NBC's presentation for ad-buyers Monday morning. Shawn Ryan isn't counting on a phone call any earlier from Fox about the fate of Ride-Along. Fox will unveil its lineup that Monday afternoon.

Ride-Along is a Chicago-based police drama starring Jennifer Beals (The L Word) and Jason Clarke (Brotherhood).

Cooking with a conscious

FOOD Alice Waters is unlikely to become the next Food Network Iron Chef. But with sustainable eating hot fodder for celebrity chefs, the woman many credit with planting the seeds of the movement may make the jump to her own television program.

The California-based food activist says she's exploring new ways of spreading her message about the importance of fresh, local food and supporting the farmers who grow it, including a possible TV show, though talks for that still are in the early stages.

"I want so much for this message about food to reach people," Waters said in an interview.

Waters put her quest for new connections into action Wednesday, participating in an online video conference that saw her taking questions about cooking and food policy from her Berkeley kitchen. She earlier held a similar session with bloggers.

The notion of eating fresh and local never has been more popular. Chefs from Rachael Ray to Paula Deen are talking about the importance of nutrition, the wife of the U.S. president, Michelle Obama, is leading a national charge against child obesity, and Jamie Oliver recently turned his effort to reform the diet of a West Virginia town into a hit reality television program.

"It's so unbelievably gratifying," said Waters. "I think we're all talking about real food versus imitation food. That's the place we need to go."

Waters, who opened her landmark Chez Panisse restaurant in 1971, has been widely praised for programs such as The Edible Schoolyard that she started at a Berkeley middle school, and has since spread elsewhere, teaching students about food, health and the environment.

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ment. But she's also been criticized as being out-of-touch with average working families, partly because of her message that good food is worth paying a premium for.

Waters reiterated her belief that good food is a good investment.

"You either pay up front, or you pay out back," she said.

"You either pay in your health and your way of life and the health of the planet or you come into a new relationship with food."

But Waters — whose latest book In the Green Kitchen, features simple techniques from a number of chefs — said eating well doesn't have to mean a big expense. Eating meat every day is expensive, but learning how to cook different things, such as inexpensive lentils and chickpeas or faro is not.

"It's what this book is all about. It's really about demystifying food."

Oliver, whose ABC show Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, documents his efforts to change eating habits in Huntington, W.Va., said in

an email that Waters "has created a program that works brilliantly for her community."

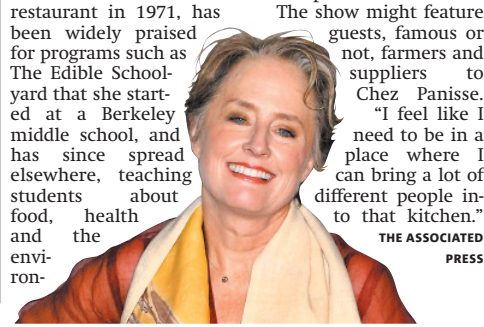
"She has found a way to get everyone on board and really teaches kids and adults about proper food. And she teaches them to really enjoy and cherish it too. Her books bring her recipes to everyone. There's nothing elitist about that."

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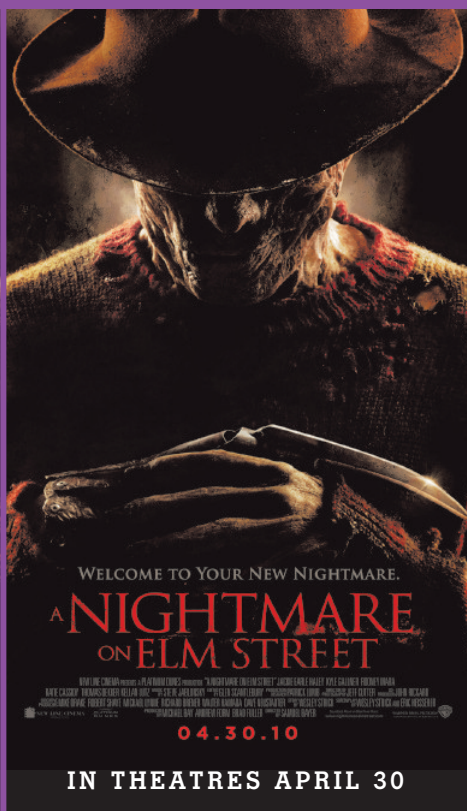
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Television

Oh captain, our captain

"It's time for Canada to boldly go where no country has gone before."

That phrase leads off a Facebook page calling for Canadian-born actor William Shatner to be named Canada's next Governor General.

About 10,700 people have signed on to the page suggesting Capt. Kirk beam into Rideau Hall once Michaëlle Jean beams out.

Jean's five-year mission will soon expire and Prime Minister Stephen Harper is considering who will replace her.

The Facebook page asks fans to imagine Shatner reading the throne speech in that Capt. Kirk style "we have come to know and love."

The Montreal-born Shatner recently sang Canada's praises during the closing ceremonies of the Vancouver Olympics.

Wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen was recently mentioned as a possible candidate to replace Jean, but a spokeswoman for the Man in Motion said Hansen has not been offered the job.

Other possi-

ties include John de Chastelain, a former chief of defence staff and Canadian ambassador to the United States, Inuit leader Mary Simon and Reform Party founder Preston Manning.

A Facebook page set up in March to promote Manning for the vice-regal position has less than 500 fans.

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FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Medium (HDTV)	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	The Bridge (N) (DVS)	CTV News		
-	-	4	OMNI	King	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	Two/Half Men	Coach		
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food	20/20 (N)	National		
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey	CBC News	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Vancouver Canucks (HDTV) (Live)	X-Weighted "Rebekah"	Shark Tank (N)	News Hour		
244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?	Murdoch Mysteries	EP Daily		
246	-	8	KCAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Access H.	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Medium (HDTV)	Miami Medical		
-	372	12	KREM	News	Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Moment		
-	374	14	KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Who Do You Think You Are?	Dateline NBC (HDTV) (N)	Survival		
-	370	16	KHO	News (N)	Millionaire	Two/Half Men	House "Black Hole"	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News		
-	373	22	KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone		
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Tonight	NHL Hockey	Hockey Pregm.	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Phoenix Coyotes (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre	30 for 30		
400	400	21	TSN	NHL Hockey	MLB Baseball	Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.	Survive This	To Be Indie		
408	418	27	net	MLB Baseball	To Be Indie	What a Girl Wants * (2003, Comedy-Drama), Colin Firth	Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie		
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	Sonny-Chance	Suite/Deck	Agent Cody Banks (2003, Adventure)	(10:42) Doc Hollywood			
557	541	39	FAM	Wizards-Place	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped		
603	561	25	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds	Bobby Flay		
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Termination Point (2007, Suspense)	Jason Priestley	Kenny vs.		
617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Man vs. Wild (N)	Egypt Unwrapped (N)	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild	Dirty Jobs		
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild (N)	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	MANswers	MANswers		
628	584	43	SPIKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Entourage	Entourage	MANswers	MANswers		
522	516	45	HIST	Ultimate Engineering	Ax Men "The Big Hit"	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect	The Firm *** (1993, Drama)	Ticker (2001)		
-	-	47	AMC	(7:02) Breaking Bad	(8:04) Breaking Bad	(9:06) Breaking Bad	(10:08) Breaking Bad	After Show	Bitch Is Back		
581	566	102	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	16 and Pregnant	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	MTV Live		

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	W5 (N) (DVS)	Spectacle: Elvis	Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame - Excellence	etalk	CTV News			
-	-	4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Wild Mountains ** (1986, Drama) Du Yuan, Yue Hong	Most Amazing			
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Norbit * (2007, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Cuba Gooding Jr.	Castle			
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey	To Be Announced	Maternal Obsession (2008, Suspense) Nichelle Tom	Consumer Choice Awards (N)	News Final (N)			
244	338	7	CICT	16:9-Picture	Gunless	All Hat (2007, Drama) Keith Carradine, Luke Kirby. (DVS)	CSI: NY "The Triangle"	48 Hours Myst.			
246	-	8	KCAL	what's cooking	Most Amazing	CSI: NY "The Triangle"	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order		
-	372	12	KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy	The Biggest Loser	Cops (N)	Cops		
-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	Peter, Paul and Mary "Carry It On: A Musical Legacy"	CSI: NY "The Fall"	The Biggest Loser	Cops (N)	Cops		
-	370	16	KHO	KHQ-News 6	Judge Judy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops		
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Cursed"	Newsroom	Conspiracy Files: Bin Laden	Conspiracy Files: Bin Laden	National	News: At Issue		
502	390	15	CBC	National	Mansbridge	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Oklahoma City Thunder (HDTV) (Live)	UEFA Champ.	Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Con.		
400	400	21	TSN	Basketball	Soccer Teams TBA (HDTV)	Zeke's Pad (N)	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	That's Weird		
552	543	20	YTV	Kids vs. Kat	League-Evil	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana		
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Top Chef Masters (N)	Hell's Kitchen	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	NYC: Tornado Terror (2008, Suspense) Nicole de Boer		
603	561	25	FOOD	Chopped "Rattle & Roll"	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	NYC: Tornado Terror (2008, Suspense) Nicole de Boer		
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Bourne Identity	About a Girl	License to Drill	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Disorderly Conduct: Video		
617	522	32	SHOW	Bourne Identity	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Disorderly Conduct: Video		
520	505	35	DISC	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Disorderly Conduct: Video		
628	584	43	SPIKE	WEC: Aldo vs. Faber Prelims	Ancient Weather (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect	Cities of the Underworld	Enemy of the State (1998, Suspense)	Enemy of the State (1998, Suspense)		
522	516	45	HIST	Ancient Weather (HDTV)	(6) Stargate (1994, Science Fiction)	Hollywood Vietnam	The Outlaw Josey Wales *** (1976, Western)	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live		
-	-	47	AMC	Bitch Is Back	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After Show	MTV Live		
581	566	102	MTV	Bitch Is Back	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After Show	MTV Live		

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	Human Target (N)	Flashpoint	The Amazing Race 16	Desperate Housewives	CTV News			
-	-	4	OMNI	To Be Announced	Aaram	Minute to Win It	Violent August	Nation of Cha			
-	371	5	KXLY	News	Storm Stories	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers		
245	306	6	CBRT	An American Tail	Movie	The Simpsons	Cleveland	CBC News: The National	fifth estate		
244	338	7	CICT	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Survivorman	Family Guy	King of the Hill		
246	-	8	KCAL	Murdoch Mysteries	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	Masterpiece Classic "Small Island" (N)	When Love Is Not Enough: Lois Wilson	Star Wars		
-	372	12	KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	Rick Steves' Mediterranean Mosaic	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Family Guy	American Dad		
-	374	14	KSPS	House "Sports Medicine"	7:01 Death	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad		
-	370	16	KHO	KHQ-News 6	638 Ways to Kill Castro (2006, Documentary)	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad		
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Sports Medicine"	Minute to Win It (N)	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad		
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	NHL Hockey	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Boxing Pavlik vs. Martinez & Butle vs. Miranda (HDTV)	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Poker		
400	400	21	TSN	NHL Hockey	(6) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets.	Small Soldiers * (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Gregory Smith, Jay Mohr.	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?		
408	418	27	net	Small Soldiers * (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Gregory Smith, Jay Mohr.	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	The Bridges of Madison County (1995)		
552	543	20	YTV	Small Soldiers * (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Gregory Smith, Jay Mohr.	Dinner: Impossible	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley		
557	541	39	FAM	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	MythBusters	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		
603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels		
615	520	26	A&E	Deep Blue Sea	Kink in Hair	MythBusters	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		
617	522	32	SHOW	Deep Blue Sea	Kink in Hair	MythBusters	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		
520	505	35	DISC	(6) Superswam (N)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		
628	584	43	SPIKE	(6:30) Deadliest Warrior	Exploring Hitler's Mountain	Breaking Bad "Sunset"	(9:02) Breaking Bad	(10:03) Mad Men	Breaking Bad		
522	516	45	HIST	(6) The Hunted ** (2003)	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge	1 girl 5 gays	My Life as Liz		
-	-	47	AMC	(6) The Hunted ** (2003)	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge	1 girl 5 gays	My Life as Liz		
581	566	102	MTV	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2	The Challenge	1 girl 5 gays	My Life as Liz		

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Lisa Kudrow's online series, *Web Therapy*, can soon be seen on television. Showtime has picked up the 45-episode project and will convert the clips into a series of half-hour episodes, according to The Hollywood Reporter. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now



1 Volcanic ash

CULTURE Its name may look like someone slammed their fingers on the key board, but the Eyjafjallajökull volcano wasn't to be taken lightly this week. Ash from the Icelandic volcano grounded air travel, and placed the North Atlantic island-nation back in the news.

2 The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus

DVD Fans of Heath Ledger will want to drop by their local video store next week to pick up a copy of his last film. The Terry Gilliam-directed movie features an all-star cast, including Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell — who helped complete the film after Ledger's 2008 passing.

3 South Park

TV It looks like Trey Parker and Matt Stone still know how to push the envelope. The Associated Press reports a radical Muslim group has warned the creators of *South Park* that they could face violent retribution for depicting the prophet Muhammad in a bear suit during last week's episode.

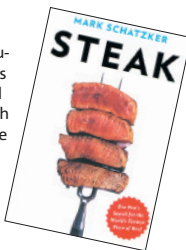


4 Nightmare on Elm Street

MOVIES Freddy Krueger is back — and this time he isn't being portrayed by Robert Englund. In this latest re-imagining, which opens next week, the bladed glove-wearing serial killer is portrayed by Jackie Earle Haley. Is Freddy ready to scare a new generation?

5 Steak

BOOKS Travel writer and humorist Mark Schatzker grills those involved in the world of steak culture in his search for the world's tastiest piece of meat. The book is a grade-A look into the world of top sirloin and the lunatic lengths people will go to find the choicest cuts and best ways to cook a steak.



6 MAC's Prêt-à-Papier

BEAUTY This new neutral colour collection, inspired by the paper patterns snipped-out by fashion designer, sews together a seamless spectrum of shadows, pencils, lipsticks and blushes in shades ranging from parchment to vellum beige. Put away your scissors, pull out your makeup brushes and get crafting.



7 Undateable

ADVICE Author's Ellen Rakieten and Anne Coyle have come up with a list of 311 things guys do that guarantee they won't get dates. So, what makes their no-no list? Jorts (that's jean shorts to the lingo-challenged), bad facial hair, Hawaiian shirts, stupid T-shirts and fur coats.

Mix of Six

The Return Of Roller Derby

When: Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Triwood Arena

After a long break, Roller derby is back in Calgary! CRDA's house teams are ready to roll again.... The home season kicks off with last year's season champs The Thrashin' Lassies, up against the ever impressive underdogs, the B52 Bellas. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

2010 Annual Pitch n' Hitch A Night Of Impact

When: Friday
Where: BMO Centre, Stampede Park

Enjoy dinner, a live and silent auction and more with proceeds supporting Impact Society's HEROES program and their About Face partnership with the Calgary Police Service.

President's ACAD Smart Night

When: Saturday, 6 p.m.
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 700 Centre St. S.E.

The Alberta College of Art + Design is pleased to announce that bestselling author Chip Heath will be the keynote speaker at the fourth annual President's

ACAD Smart Night. Tickets: \$300.

The Calgary Woman's Show

When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: BMO Centre

Now in its 28th year, discover all that is fabulous in fashion, food, fitness and fun for all the layers of your life. Tickets: \$13 at the door; \$10 seniors & students.

Earth Day Celebrations

When: Saturday
Where: Calgary Zoo, 1300 Zoo Rd. N.E.

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Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo

When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: BMO Centre, Stampede Park

The Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo was born in 2006 and has become the single largest event of its kind across all of Western Canada. Enjoy the main exhibit hall, celebrity panels, workshops, the costume contest, charity auction and more. Tickets* \$20 to \$30.

Madonna helped launched career of plus size hip hop dancer

British plus size hip hop dancer Kimberlee Jay found fame after being hand-picked by Madonna to appear in promo videos.

Predictably, her striking appearance and unconventional dancer's physique simultaneously inspired women and sparked controversy in the industry. She is now an athlete on the Nike payroll, a TV presenter, choreographer, and of course a dancer.

She recently spoke to Metro World News about, er, waacking and krumping.

Q You seem to have so many jobs, how do you cope?

A I don't know! I have always enjoyed being busy and learning new things so I guess that's part of it. All of my activities connect somehow so it's quite easy to multi-task — like when I

have my "choreographer" hat on, I can also be a Nike Athlete and Performance Coach! It can be stressful and I work a lot of hours, but I wouldn't change it for the world!

Q Are there any new underground styles emerging?

A I think the underground style which is still least understood and being still being

discovered is Krump. It's a very personal and exciting style that looks like it's extremely wild but is actually very controlled. A style that is making a big come back on the underground is also waacking. This was hugely popular in the nightclubs of Los Angeles in the '70s and is fast becoming the newest trend on the scene.

Q Which are you most focused on? How did you end up dancing with

Madonna?

A Madonna saw me in the Nike commercial called "Take sport — add music" and asked me if I would like to join her in her music video for Hung Up. This led on to an appearance in the video for Sorry which was extremely exciting... She is a huge inspiration to me and has been since I was four years old.

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Hip hop dancer Kimberlee Jay.

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Osmond son attempted suicide three times before death, says friend

Before tragically taking his life, Marie Osmond's son confided to a friend that he had attempted suicide three times previously, according to witness statements from the L.A. County Coroner report. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Celebrity Buzz****Tiger and Elin: Separate lives?**

NICKELBACK CONCERT?! THIS MAN IS CRYING OUT FOR HELP Tiger Woods and wife Elin Nordegren appear to be stepping up their lives apart, people.com reports.

Monday in Orlando, Fla., the golf champ attended a Nickelback concert — where, according to TMZ, he partied backstage surrounded by a security team. Earlier that night, he and friends dined together in a restaurant, reports RadarOnline, an event described as his first pub-

lic outing since the sex scandal that broke last November.

Meanwhile, Elin and the couple's two children, Sam and Charlie, took off for Sweden, despite the volcanic ash spewing into the skies from Ice-

land which grounded the majority of Scandinavian and European flights.

"Elin and her children have arrived in a very north area, much north of Stockholm," a source in the Swedish capital tells People.

One possible destination for Nordegren: The estate in the Stockholm archipelago she bought last year for about \$2.2 million US.

"Elin has a large plot of land on the island with four houses — all complete with kitchens," a source in Sweden tells People. "There is one guesthouse and another house down by the sea that has a sauna. She also has a sandy beach all her own and a dock for boats." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Montag drops lawsuit against Hills producer**

ONCE SHE REALIZED NO ONE BELIEVED ANYONE WOULD TOUCH HER VOLUNTARILY Heidi Montag has decided to drop a planned sexual harassment lawsuit against The Hills creator Adam DeVillo, according to Page Six. Montag had accused him of groping her during a photo shoot earlier this year.

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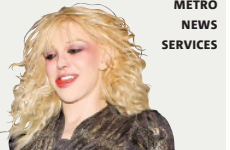
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CelebTweets

COURTNEY LOVE is trying to clear up rumours about her love life, **MATTHEW PERRY** isn't shopping for antiques, and **LINDSAY LOHAN** is engaged in her favourite pastime of feeling sorry for herself.

@CourtneyLoveUK im not dating ANYONE i IMPORE you to let it go! BEGGING! @langfordperry You know what I don't like? Old world charm.

@lindsaylohan this industry is all about BUILD YOU UP to TAKE YOU DOWN, it's terrible but it comes w/the territory*i just ignore it coz im numb to the negativity at this point.... life is to be appreciated, and it goes by so fast... i'm a tough cookie so i'm not going anywhere.. all ya'll are #STUCK with me LOL sorry

**METRO NEWS SERVICES****Paris disses ex-boyfriend**

TO BE READ IN HER CHARACTERISTICALLY ARROGANT, VACUOUS, VALLEY GIRL ACCENT FOR FULL EFFECT Paris Hilton has definitely moved on from Doug Reinhardt, usmagazine.com reports.

"I am like so past that — I don't even care," Hilton, 29, told usmagazine.com at Wednesday's Project A.L.S. fundraiser at Lucky Strike Lanes in Hollywood.

A week ago, Hilton's rep confirmed that the star had dumped 25-year-old Reinhardt "more than two weeks ago." Hilton and the

Hills star began dating early last year but took a break in June. "I don't even remember that time in my life," Hilton quipped of their just-

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ended romance. "I am over it!"

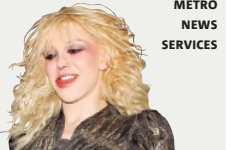
So, what happened? "I just realized that I'm better off without him," she explained. "So I ended it because I deserve something much better. He wasn't right for me and I will eventually find somebody who loves me for who I am."

Sources: Brangelina kin pushes for 'I dos

SOURCES WHO ALSO HAPPEN TO BE FORMER CREATIVE WRITING MAJORS AT THIRD RATE SCHOOLS Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are finally ready to exchange vows, according to OK! Magazine.



And it's all because of their kids. Sources say their children have been teaming up against them in their campaign for a wedding. "First it was Maddox, who has begged his parents to tie the knot for years," a source says.

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Friday
Sunny
14 °C / 1 °C

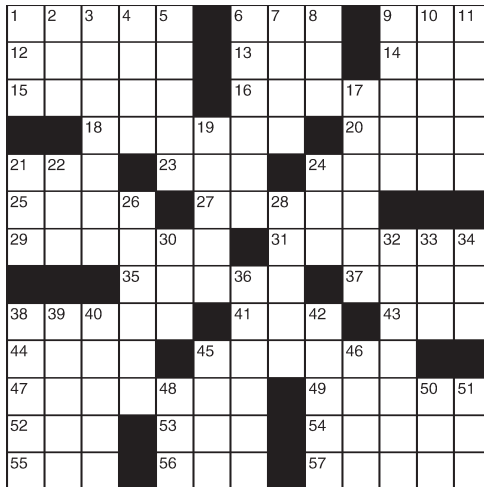


Saturday
Sprinkles
15 °C / 1 °C



Sunday
Light Rain
10 °C / 1 °C

Take Five



ACROSS

1 Bakery lure
6 — Beta Kappa
9 Resort
12 Cheek-related
13 Cartoonist
Chast
14 Charged bit
15 Stew
seasoning
16 Mount —
18 Spoil severely
20 Prior nights
21 Litter member
23 Foreman foe
24 Each
25 Don of radio
27 Saunter
29 Cellist Pablo
31 African herd
35 Small plateaus
37 Brownish
songbird
38 Liquor holder
41 Comic DeLuise
43 Mainlander's
souvenir
44 Additionally
45 Two-part tile
47 Mount —
49 On the clock
52 Remnant

53 Sandra or
Ruby
54 Cheer up
55 Buck's mate
56 Eccentric
57 Aired again

DOWN

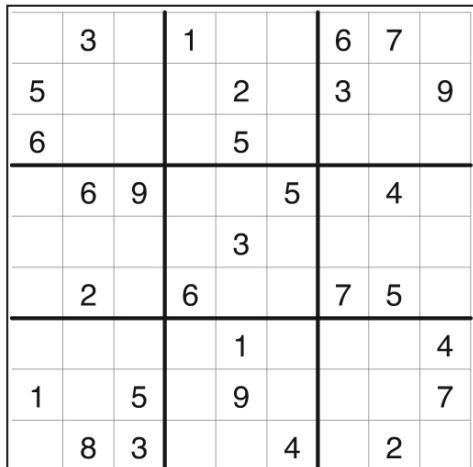
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2 "Go, team!"
3 Mount —
4 One of the
Three Bears
5 Where the
action is
6 Bout before the
main event
7 Threw
8 Noun-to-verb
suffix
9 Strainer
10 Riddle
11 Nervous
17 Disclose
19 Tumbler
21 Snapshot
22 Actress
Thurman
24 Wapiti
26 Biblical
strongman
28 Center of
emotions

30 Albanian
money
32 Mount —
33 Rage
34 Tackle moguls
36 Put on a
pedestal
38 Got along
39 Grassy
southwestern
plain
40 Remark to the
audience
42 Papal hat
45 Act
46 Cleo's river
48 Altar
affirmative
50 Greek H
51 Hideaway

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

REND FIB ASIF
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SKY ELY
ACHY COMPADRE
RHO ABO AUK
MANDARIN DYNE
EEL EWE
SCYLLA YELPED
CUBA LAP ARIA
OBEY SKI NORM
TEES OAT ODES

4	2	9	7	6	1	8	5	3
8	1	5	9	3	2	7	4	6
3	6	7	4	5	8	2	1	9
5	8	1	6	4	9	3	7	2
6	9	4	3	2	7	1	8	5
7	3	2	8	1	5	9	6	4
2	5	8	1	9	6	4	3	7
1	4	6	2	7	3	5	9	8
9	7	3	5	8	4	6	2	1

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Baked Spinach Gnocchi

INGREDIENTS:

300-g package frozen
chopped spinach
1/4 cup finely chopped yel-
low onion
2 cups 1% milk
1/2 cup semolina
1 tsp dried basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp butter
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup grated Parmesan
cheese

METHOD:

1. Cook spinach and onion
according to directions on
spinach package; drain
well, pressing out excess
liquid with paper towels.

2. Meanwhile, in medium-
size mixing bowl, stir
together 3/4 cup milk,
semolina, basil and garlic.
In medium-size pot, bring
remaining 1 1/4 cups milk
and butter to boil over
moderately high heat.
Slowly add semolina mix-
ture to boiling milk, stir-

ring constantly. Cook, un-
covered, 3 to 5 minutes or
until very thick.

3. Remove from heat. Stir
about 1 cup of mixture in-
to eggs; return mixture to
pot. Stir in spinach
mixture and 1/3 cup
Parmesan cheese. Pour in-
to lightly greased 8" x 8" x
2" baking dish. Cover; re-
frigerate 4 hours

4. Preheat oven to 425°F
(220°C). Turn cutting mix-
ture out onto cutting
board. Cut into diamond-
shaped pieces. Sprinkle
with remaining Parmesan
cheese. Place on lightly
greased baking sheet.
Bake 20 to 25 minutes or
until golden.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A money-making scheme may
look good but don't be tempted.
There is only one way your fi-
nancial position will improve
and that is through hard work.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Someone you work alongside is
watching you closely, hoping
that you will slip up so they can
point out your mistake and
look good at your expense.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Life is not a zero sum game:
other people don't have to lose
so that you can win. Keep that
thought in mind today. Why
not co-operate instead?

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Why can't you take what oth-
ers tell you at face value? Is it
because your instincts warn
they are being less than truth-
ful?

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't worry that partners and
loved ones won't understand
your need to spend some time
by yourself. What matters is
that you unwind mentally.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

You may have no intention of
backing down in some kind of
dispute, but neither does your
opponent and the most likely
outcome is a stalemate.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

You are advised not to make
any major plans today or over
the weekend. Trust that the
powers that shape your life will
guide you in the right direction.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

You may want to get on in the
world but today it might be
wise to keep a low profile. The
less that potential rivals know
the better,

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

An authority figure will either
stop you doing what you want
to do or make you do what you
don't want to do. It might be a
pain but don't get annoyed.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

There is no such thing as a free
lunch and anyone who tells
you a different story is not to be
trusted. There's more than just
money at stake.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

This is a fortunate time of year
for you and although you
might not quite believe that yet
you will start to believe it over
the next few days.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

You will be reminded today of
something you said a long time
ago and chances are you won't
feel too happy about it. Don't
try to defend the indefensible.

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